

I am very upset by the decision of Sinclair Broadcasting requiring their stations to show a totally one sided anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This is exactly why allowing for more media consolidation is very harmful to our democracy

The public airways are used free of charge and I thought there were requirements for fairness and consideration of the public interest. Arguments that there is more information available to the public now than ever before because of cable and the internet fail to consider two important things. One, not everyone has access to all these sources and two, the dissemination of inaccurate and one sided information by networks which traditionally have been fair leads to brainwashing of segments of the population who do not have the education, critical thinking skills or time to do their own research.

I feel that media consolidation and weak enforcement of the fairness doctrine are already leading to the balkanization of this country. This polarization and the spreading of misinformation, I feel are a serious threat to the future of our democracy.

I urge less media consolidation not more and strict enforcement of the fairness doctrine for the public airwaves.